



TIGER ATTACKS BOY: "Rajah," a Bengal tiger, leaps onto 14-year-old Hugh Boyle (top), as a publicity stunt went wrong at Gloucester park in Perth, Australia Thursday. The tiger was being harnessed into a trotting cart to pull his way around the park for television and newspaper publicity pictures. As the tiger was being tethered, Hugh was helping unroll a bundle of tape, when the tiger lunged at the packet. The boy fended the claw off with his arm, but the tiger knocked him to the ground. Circus officials wrestled to get the tiger off and into his cage (bottom). Boyle was taken to hospital suffering from shock and a badly mauled head and shoulder. (AP Wirephoto)

Milliken Unveils Tax Relief Plan

Moans Of Overburdened Citizens Heard By Governor

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Addressing himself to citizens "absolutely fed up with ever-rising taxes," Gov. William Milliken today proposed a system of tax cuts for Michigan amounting to \$370 million over the next two fiscal years.

In his State of the State address to the Legislature, the governor also said he will campaign for legislative action on education's financial mess, rather than fight for another vote by the people on a constitutional amendment.

The proposal would give all homeowners and renters a 60 per cent reduction in the amount of property taxes exceeding four per cent of their income. Milliken noted that a renter's property tax is assumed to be 17 per cent of the rent.

"For senior citizens, blind, and eligible veterans, property tax relief would be 100 per cent of the amount their property taxes exceed 3.5 per cent of income," Milliken said.

The second part of his tax cut would boost to \$1,700 the amount of personal tax exemption. The present level is

\$1,200.

That would give Michigan the highest level of personal exemptions in the country, Milliken said.

He said that a family of four with an income of \$10,000 and a \$20,000 home would get a tax



WILLIAM MILLIKEN
Governor aware of pain

Milliken Asks 'Legislative Solution'

Governor Milliken today called for a "legislative solution" to change Michigan's system of financing its schools. This places him in opposition to a plan pushed by leading state Democrats who want a vote by the people on a constitutional amendment.

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stitutional amendment.

Milliken said his main goals for the coming year also include:

—Government reorganization to reduce duplication, overlapping and unnecessary expenditures. He said he will begin by reducing his executive staff by one-third.

—Judicial reform through a constitutional amendment allowing people to determine if judges will remain in office.

—Responsibility in government through a code of ethics for state employees.

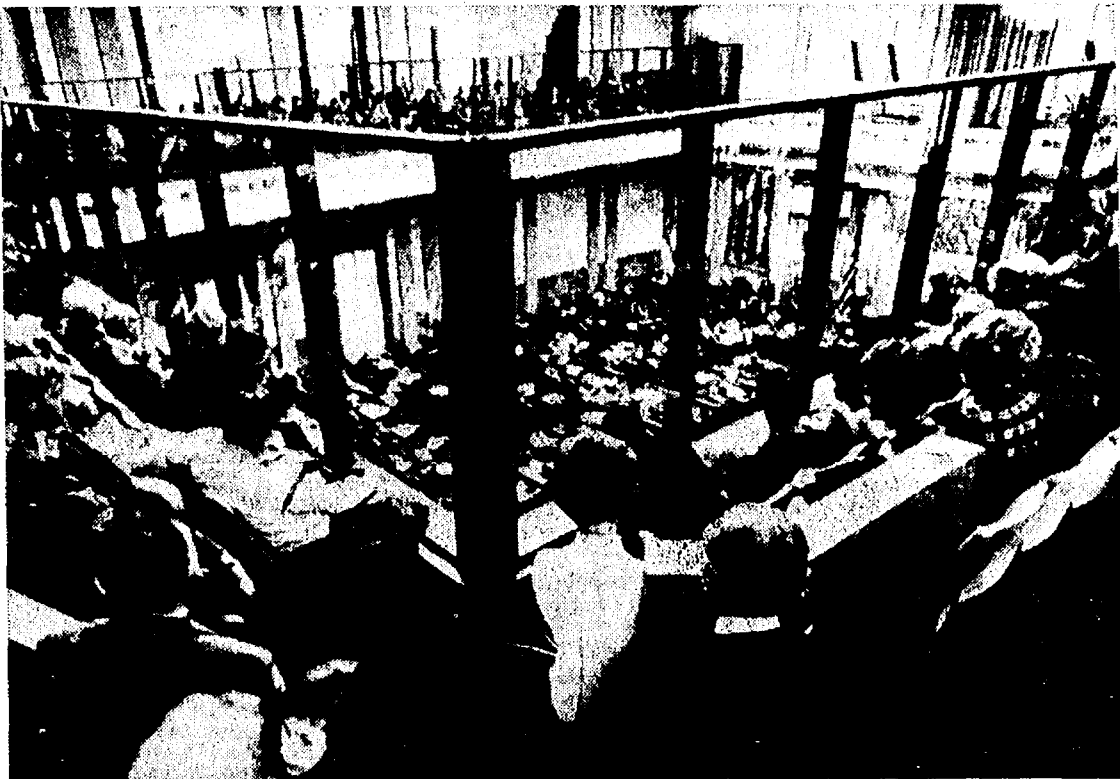
—Consumer protection through statewide public meetings on consumers affairs and a Governor's Conference on Consumer Protection.

Milliken said he is "totally committed" to tax reduction which he said will benefit virtually all taxpayers in the state over the next two fiscal years beginning July 1.

A taxpayer in a family of four earning \$10,000 a year would get a state income tax cut of about 38 per cent; the \$15,000 a year wage earner a cut of about 20 per cent; and a person at the \$20,000 level a cut of about 13 per cent.

The proposal comes in three parts.

First is a property tax relief program for homeowners and renters that Milliken said "will provide relief to those taxpayers with an excess burden of property taxes in relation to



OPENING WITH PACKED HOUSE: The Michigan House of Representatives gallery and floor was filled Wednesday when the representatives took their oaths at the opening of the 77th Legislature in Lansing. Many friends and spectators had to be turned away due to

lack of space as the 120 legislators held their first meeting. The floor of the house can be seen through the high glass walls that surround the gallery. (AP Wirephoto)

Judge Gets Tough On Police Assaulter



JUDGE LEO COOK
Guarding the rights

'Pat' Cook Is Keeping Campaign Vows

BY ROGER WELSHANS
Staff Writer

A recently-elected Fifth district court judge who made a campaign promise to "zealously guard the rights of all men, including members of society as well as defendants" apparently took his first steps to keeping that promise

yesterday.

Leo "Pat" Cook, who took over as district judge Jan. 1 after serving 37 years as an FBI agent, sentenced a 17-year-old Stevensville youth to 90 days in jail for assaulting a police officer.

When meting out the sentence, Cook said, "Anyone who comes before me in court for assault and battery on a police officer will get the maximum sentence—90 days."

"I've worked all my life with policemen. They lay their lives on the line nearly every day to protect us. They deserve better than to have someone who assaults them let off with only probation or a fine," he said.

He then added, "I'm not going to permit people who assault officers to buy their way out of trouble."

Sentenced was Randy K. Chancy, 17, of 5725 Ridge road, Stevensville. Chancy hit Patrolman Gordon Foster of Bridgman police on the head with Foster's steel flashlight during a scuffle Nov. 18 in Bridgman.

Foster suffered a scalp wound requiring seven stitches as a result of the blow.

Chancy, and his brothers Larry, 22, and Ronnie, 18, had been stopped by Foster for a traffic violation when the fight developed as Foster attempted to stop one person from fleeing the scene.

Larry and Ronnie were arrested and are awaiting trial in circuit court on charges of (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

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Viet Peace Talks Reported Near 'Decisive Stage'

PARIS (AP) — North Vietnam warned today that it will never be intimidated by American bombing or other acts of force and will not accept American efforts to "impose unreasonable terms" in the peace talks.

As Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho met for the fourth straight day in their secret negotiations, Nguyen Minh Vy told the weekly meeting of the semipublic, four-party peace talks:

"The negotiations have now come to a decisive stage, it is either good progress toward signing an agreement, or continuation of the war. Obviously, this depends on the American side."

With American goodwill, peace could be rapidly restored, Vy continued. But if the

United States "clings to the policy of force in an attempt to impose unreasonable terms . . . the Vietnam question cannot be settled and the war will be prolonged."

Meanwhile, Kissinger and Tho were joined for the first time in their current round of negotiations by the technical experts who have been working on details of various items that might be included in a cease-fire agreement.

The joint meeting of the top negotiators and the experts indicated that the negotiations between Kissinger and Tho were going beyond arguments over basic principles. But both sides maintained their news blackout, and there was no evidence of progress toward removing the main obstacles to agreement.

Milk Prices Likely To Rise In 2 Weeks

DETROIT (AP) — The Michigan Milk Producers Association has announced an increase of about 1½ cents per gallon on raw milk sold to dairies. The increase is expected to be passed on to consumers, officials said.

The hike, effective Feb. 1, affects milk and cream, but not butter, cottage cheese or other milk products.

Glenn Lake, president of the association, blamed the boost on bad fall weather, which prevented farmers from harvesting their crops and forced them to buy large amounts of feed.

The Michigan Milk Producers Association represents about 6,000 farmers selling to Lower Peninsula dairies.

Fay Ewbank, general manager of Producers Creamery at

Niles, Mishawaka and Benton township, indicated the latest boost is but one of a series of monthly price hikes for wholesale price raw milk and that consumers may find themselves paying 1½ cents a quart or 6 cents a gallon more after Feb. 1.

A check of several supermarkets in the twin cities today showed whole milk prices per gallon at \$1.03 to \$1.15.

Retail prices of milk haven't risen since October though creameries have had a 41-cent a hundredweight price increase in cost since September and face another 30 cents on Feb. 1, or a total of 71 cents a hundredweight, he said.

Ewbank said he expects the price hike to be "across the board" in the Lower Peninsula.

Charges Harassment, Intimidation

Book Store Owner Sues Taylor

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

The owner of AP's Adult Book store in Benton Harbor filed a \$500,000 damage suit in Berrien circuit court Wednesday against Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor charging harassment and intimidation.

In a related action, Circuit Judge William S. White modified a temporary restraining order issued Dec. 8 which had prevented the store from selling or disposing of obscene materials.

After reviewing a "representative group of materials"

from the store, Judge White said the order would only apply to lewd and obscene magazines and movies.

Under the order, other materials such as paperback books can be sold as well as magazines and movies that would not be considered obscene by the court.

Judge White also instructed Taylor to file four day notice for a final hearing date. The issue to be settled is whether the store is selling or distributing materials that violate the state public nuisance act.

In the counter-suit against Taylor, Atty. Bruce Randall from Southfield, representing Gayle Poe, owner of Al's Book store, and Dan Walls, a sales clerk, claimed:

Taylor's actions against the book store are attempts to "harass the plaintiff under the color of law enforcement," have intimidated the operators in the matter of what they can sell and have resulted in a complete loss of profits.

Besides damages, Randall asked the court to restrain Taylor from holding adversary hearings to determine whether

materials in the store are obscene, from causing Poe to be arrested on criminal charges and from restricting the plaintiff from engaging in

business. Poe's suit has been assigned to Judge Chester J. Byrns.

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorSt. Joseph's Water
Rate Increase

Inflation has been a familiar term in the American vocabulary for a quarter of a century.

The economist defines it as price outstripping production, either quantitatively or qualitatively or both.

The average person thinks of it in the homespun term of paying more this week for what an article or service was tagged the week before.

There is also a psychological inflection to the term.

We become hardened to some price spirals, yet remain extremely sensitive to others.

Most everyone expects wages and the prices of essentials may be higher a year from the moment they may be reflecting on the current level. Though the trend may lack universal approval, it does not create a mental upheaval if the upward curve does not jump off the chart.

On the other hand Ma Bell or Auntie I&M whose services are the smallest part of the average family's budget have to fight their way through a legal jungle and endure a great outcry whenever they seek rate increases to keep up with the rest of the procession.

This same ambivalence follows in local taxation and government services.

Though we lack the perseverance this cold, blustery morning to unearth the moldy records stuck off in a forgotten corner, we have idea the local taxes on the real estate portion of our office at 116 State Street are at least half again as much as they were in 1956. The personal assessment is down only because of removing the production machinery.

The Clemishaw people have been through town a couple of occasions in the past 16 years, city hall has reached the ceiling on its charter limitation, more schools have been built, teacher salaries increased, and so on and so on.

Only the water bill has remained comparatively constant due to the rate last being adjusted upward in 1956 and the consumption remaining pretty much at a dead level.

City hall now proposes to jack up that apple cart by 50 per cent.

Dollarwise, it won't make much of a dent in our operating statement and because the time is here to improve the water plant's productive capacity we think the city fathers have to establish an adequate financial base for that necessary step.

All this does not impress Mrs. Gene Karsten, our bookkeeper, one whit or one gallon.

When not keeping our books in order, she is a homemaker and wearing that hat this morning informed us she thinks city hall is peopled by demons.

We dare say her's is a majority opinion throughout town. Quite likely Manager Hill's telephone is somewhat jumpy these days and the five commissioners are probably being buttonholed by less than friendly fingers.

Presumably the long stretch for the water rates to defy this generation's inflationary trend is the water department's good operating record in the face of rising costs.

Could the Postal Service somewhere match that performance it wouldn't take two or three days for a letter to cross the river between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor and possibly not require eight cents for that purpose.

The moral is this sudden change from parity to summity may be that the city fathers should have nudged the rate a bit at a time through the past 16 years.

Apparently it is being adopted in an anticipatory sense.

In presenting the proposal to the city fathers, Manager Hill said the increase is based on a cost projection for the decade ahead, but that it be smart to check the calculation at midstream.

For what solace can be drawn from the announcement the summertime special for watering the lawn and garden will continue.

The special will cost more but the discount principle will be continued.

They'd Like To Make It Hot
For The Pay Freeze Board

Some Michigan legislators, particularly Democrats, are still boiling over their current pay freeze. They would like to see a return to the old system under which they set their own salaries.

Even if they tried, it is doubtful they could succeed in abolishing the five-year-old State Officers Compensation Commission, which relieved the lawmakers of their pay-setting function. So they'll try to get more cash by heading in a different direction. They want to make certain that four of the seven commission members won't be around when salary levels are next reviewed late in 1974.

At least, several inside observers of the Capitol scene at Lansing believe there's bound to be some red-hot maneuvering to thaw the pay freeze during the legislative session that began Wednesday.

Getting rid of the four objectionable commissioners would take some doing — in fact, an amendment to the law which was passed in 1968 to supplement a constitutional amendment creating the pay commission. The law could be amended to require meetings at the eleventh hour of the next two years, meaning that the four incumbents would be out of office —

unless they were reappointed by Gov. William Milliken — before the next pay round starts.

The pay commission announced on Nov. 24 that it had made a decision in September on legislative salaries but held up the announcement until after the November election. The announcement rocked the Capitol. The commission said the salaries of the legislators, the governor, lieutenant governor and Supreme Court justices were "adequate at this time."

Some minor adjustments were made in the lawmakers' expense allowances, but their salaries were frozen for two years. All 19 Democrats in the Senate signed a protest to the pay commission over its tight-fisted action. But there is no avenue of appeal.

A House Republican caucus, according to at least one source, seriously considered a public endorsement of the pay freeze, though it did not come to a vote.

The Legislature put the pay commission amendment on the ballot in 1968, hoping it would take its members off the hook on such a delicate matter. It took a two-thirds vote then and it would take the same vote to change the system now. So the only alternative is to change the companion law under the constitutional provision for the pay amendment. That in itself will take some tricky maneuvering. And while the public may not see many headlines, that maneuvering will be going on.

Foraging 16 hours a day, an adult Asian elephant consumes up to 400 pounds of leaves, fruits, shrubs, grass, and bark, the National Geographic Society says. A sloppy eater, an elephant leaves forage for other browsers that can't match its 10- to 12-foot reach.

Nobody yet knows the size of the animal kingdom, but so far man has classified 32,000 species of fishes, 8,900 species of birds, 6,000 mammals, 6,500 reptiles, and 2,500 amphibians, according to National Geographic's new book, "The Marvels of Animal Behavior."

Greetings



GLANCING BACKWARDS

TO STUDY
RATE INCREASE
— 1 Year Ago —

A study of water rate to see if increases will be necessary to finance a proposed expansion of the St. Joseph water plant was directed last night by the St. Joseph city commission.

It approved paying up to \$2,000 to Consoer, Townsend & Associates to make the study. City Manager Leland Hill told the commission the last rate increase was made in 1958 and that costs have increased greatly since that time.

COURTHOUSE DRAWINGS
GENERALLY APPROVED
— 10 Years Ago —

Tentative blueprints of Berrien County's new \$3 million courthouse which have been studied and discussed by county office holders apparently have met with general approval.

The site, the city block west of the county jail — bounded by Church, Court, Port, and River streets — will be acquired by the city under early land acquisition permitted through urban renewal to expedite construction of the building.

During the year, the county will advance up to \$250,000 to the city for buying the site.

R. G. STARK
HEADS B. & L.
— 25 Years Ago —

Burton G. Stark, well-known St. Joseph insurance broker, was elected president of the St. Joseph Building & Loan Association at the 28th annual meeting of the stockholders held Monday afternoon.

The stockholders also re-elected Henry Richter, Atty. R. E. Barr and William Pahn as members of the board of directors. A 4 1/2 per cent dividend was paid to the investors during the past year.

APPROVE DIVIDEND
— 39 Years Ago —

The stockholders of the Peoples State bank of St. Joseph unanimously approved the 30 per cent dividend as proposed by the officers and board of directors at the second annual meeting of the new institution. Other banks in the county also report earnings in a hectic year.

MUSIC PROGRAM
— 49 Years Ago —

Monday Musical club members, not daunted by the inclement weather, heard and were charmed by a program of Russian music. It was a Tchaikovsky program, given in the auditorium of the Benton Harbor Congregational church.

LARGE CROWD
— 59 Years Ago —

Each evening brings large crowds from Berrien Springs to this city to attend revival meetings in the tabernacle. The Stephens party made hundreds of friends in that village and vicinity during several weeks' stay there last fall.

SCHOOL HONORS
— 81 Years Ago —

The high school honors of the year, 1892, went to the following: Valedictorian, Bessie Donaldson; salutatorian, Cora Kissinger.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

TWIN CITIES AREA
NEEDS ICE ARENA

Editor, Ice hockey in the Twin Cities area is enjoying its greatest popularity ever. With the emergence of the Benton Harbor hockey team, more fans than ever are aware of hockey in the area.

Unfortunately, hockey in the Twin Cities is stuck in a rut. It will remain there until a hockey rink is built here. And I mean a hockey rink, complete with boards, nets, etc. I do not mean an open field with 100,000 gallons of water dumped on it.

The need for a hockey rink is best emphasized by the needs of the Benton Harbor hockey team. Since Sept. 23, they have traveled to South Bend 21 times just for practice! Add eight Michiana High School Hockey League games to it and you've got a lot of traveling.

Benton Harbor must also practice late at night due to the already overcrowded, overtaxed Notre Dame ice facility schedule. This causes problems from parents and the players because most of the team has to be at school at 7 a.m. the next morning.

The lack of a hockey rink has also retarded the growth of St. Joe's hockey program. St. Joe once could boast as many players as Benton Harbor, but no more. The lack of a rink has caused many to fall by the wayside. In both cities only the most devoted players remain.

Compare this situation with that of a Canadian youth. By age 7, the Canadian is off the rivers, ponds, and streets and playing on a regulation size rink. In the Twin Cities, rivers, ponds, and streets remain the main avenue for ice for the local players.

The time has now come for the municipalities to recognize that ice hockey is a sport with an unlimited future here. They should combine efforts to erect a simple, indoor rink made for the exact purpose of starting a hockey program. I recommend that they visit the new Ice Arena just finished in Kalamazoo. A rink modeled after this arena would more than satisfy the needs of the hockey program in the area.

When people begin to recognize that hockey players do not grow on trees and that they must work, sweat, and hurt just like any other athlete; then maybe someone will wake

up to the obvious weakness in our hockey program — a rink.

Gary L. Ruhl,
Benton Harbor Hockey
Student Coach

SNOWMOBILE FAN
REPLIES TO EDITORIAL

Editor, It is obvious from your editorial of January 5th. that you don't like snowmobiles, or the people who ride them.

But you're not against advertising them in your paper, for which you collect a very tidy sum.

It seems that before you write such an editorial, you would get some facts first, instead of what you probably seen on some Walt Disney movie.

I'm not a policeman, Conservation officer or farmer, but I do have the sense to control my machine. Even though you don't think so.

Bill Dinges
R R 2
Three Oaks,

COLOMA CITIZEN
OBJECTS TO REZONING

Editor, On December 11th, my husband and I appeared along with several neighbors to

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Senate Panel To
Quiz Weinberger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators planned to question HEW secretary-designate Caspar W. Weinberger today, seeking the administration's plans this year on welfare reform and how much will be cut from education and health programs.

Weinberger, President Nixon's selection to succeed Elliot L. Richardson as head of the Health, Education and Welfare Department, appears before the Senate Finance Committee to answer questions on his nomination.

PLANS RECEPTION
WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Nixon will give a reception Friday for 77 members of an acrobatic troupe from mainland China who have been touring the United States.

Bruce Biossat

Some Boredom
Always With Us

WASHINGTON (NEA) — What the well-adjusted citizen needs in modern industrial society is a considerable capacity to endure boredom.

The blunt fact is that it is a built-in aspect not simply of work but of life itself. Do you find it exciting to shave or brush your teeth or wash your face? To take out the garbage or mow the lawn?

The routines of life make a long list. Perhaps it is a sad fact, but it is really an inescapable fact that most work practices today add immeasurably to that list.

No amount of high-flown, romantic balderdash about the alleged obsolescence of the "work ethic" is going to wash this away. Most of these "scholarly" slaps at work as an "old-fashioned" idea are purely juvenile.

Of course, these silly dreamers get a good deal of help from the very industries whose work practices are under assault. For once the product is ready for the market, the manufacturers hire people called advertisers to spread the word. Many of these do a simple, solid job of informing the public. But some seem to regard themselves as walking tranquilizers.

They spend much of their time telling us how easy life can be. Everything useful and enjoyable is to be had at the mere flick of a finger. For permits a week in effect, they are telling the family breadwinner that having no hard challenge at work they'll fix it so he'll have none at home either.

No wonder some of the young folk are badly confused, and come up with responses that range from the one extreme of drugs, violence, and similar manufactured excitement to the other of total lassitude, and symbolized by the unkempt figure draped horizontally on a ledge or sidewalk in a bustling business area. (for pointed contrast).

These responses are exalted by some Americans as perceptive comment and highly intelligent, idealistic rebellion against the shortcomings of this society.

Actually, they are gross confessions of ignorance and defeat. The earth is spinning away their precious days, and, for all they're getting out of the ride, they might as well be plunging in the gray dust of the vacant moon, staring absently at an abandoned moon-rover.

We all want romance and drama and excitement and challenge in life. But to get it we have to pay our dues. And, notwithstanding the absurd fancies of those who scorn the "work ethic," that means doing a great many things that are boring, repetitious, and painfully unromantic.

Just as you had to wait to make an attractive, respectable appearance in public without going through the routines of washing, dressing, etc., so you can't hope to derive enduring satisfaction from measurable achievement if they are divorced from conscientious effort. The two things are inter-connected.

Jeffrey Hart

An Argument For
Death Penalty

I have generally considered it out of order to comment on points made by particular columnists, or even to call attention to a gross error, but every man has his boiling point, and mine, though very high, has now — I regret to say — been reached.

I have just run across the following in a column on capital punishment by my good friend Garry Wills: "My favorite conservative, Dr. Samuel Johnson, was a 'bleeding heart' liberal on the matter of capital punishment. As usual, he put the whole matter in one grave, sonorous sentence: 'Past times give us little reason to hope that any reformation will be effected by a periodical havoc of our fellow beings!'"

As it happens, I know the Johnson essay from which that sentence was plucked, and it is "Rambler 114," written in 1751. Strangely enough, this essay is a powerful argument not against, but for, capital punishment for murder.

Johnson's point, scarcely a

"bleeding heart" liberal one, is that the death penalty is appropriate for a murderer but not for a thief, a forger, or any of the other innumerable offenders who suffered it as of 1751.

In this essay, Johnson is actually arguing that excessive penalties for lesser crimes tend to encourage the criminal. He knows that the penalty will not be applied, precisely because it is disproportionate.

But where murder is concerned, Samuel Johnson is hardly a "bleeding heart liberal." Here is his position, from "Rambler 114":

"Death is, as one of the ancients observes, 'of all dreadful things the most dreadful'; an evil, beyond which nothing can be threatened by sublimity power, or feared from human enmity or vengeance. This terror should, therefore, be reserved as the last resort of authority, as the strongest and most operative of prohibitory sanctions, and placed before the treasure of life, to guard from invasion what cannot be restored."

Grave and sonorous indeed, as Garry Wills says; but could Johnson have put it more plainly, either? The death penalty, which is ultimate as far as the world is concerned, should be reserved for the crime which is also irretrievable as far as the victim is concerned: Murder.

Johnson had firm views on the deterrent value of capital punishment, very plainly stated in the same essay, views which, I marvel, escaped Mr. Wills' notice. "If only murder were punished with death, very few robbers would stain their hands in blood; but when, by the last act of cruelty no new danger is incurred, the greater security may be obtained, upon what principle shall we bid them forbear?"

Johnson's argument is sensible enough. If housebreaking is a capital offense, and the housebreaker is surprised in the act, he has nothing to lose by killing the householder. Misapplied capital punishment encourages killing.

BERRY'S WORLD



"I'm sure there's still light at the end of the tunnel. The trouble is, we can't seem to find the tunnel now!"

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Placque Tells Upton Role As Hospital Builder

The accomplishments of Frederick S. Upton now occupy a permanent place alongside his portrait at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph. The bronze plaque, first presented to Upton by Memorial trustees on his retirement as hospital board chairman in 1970, recently was mounted on wall to complement oil painting by Phyllis Rhodes of St. Joseph. At left is Upton's successor as president of board of hospital trustees, Lester C. Tiscornia. The inscription reads: "Frederick S. Upton — With visionary foresight helped found in December of 1935 the St. Joseph Hospital Association to operate the first non-profit

public hospital in the City of St. Joseph. He chaired the organizational meetings and for nearly 35 years — from Jan. 9, 1936 to Sept. 15, 1970, has served continuously as the only president of the Association and its successor, the Memorial Hospital Association of St. Joseph, Michigan. The first hospital contained beds for 35 patients and was severely limited in the medical services it could offer. Memorial Hospital today has 220 beds and offers a wide range of medical services including mental health care. Located on a beautiful site overlooking the St. Joseph River, the hospital is housed in handsome structures integrated for ef-

ficiency and designed for future expansion. The hospital's growth and public acceptance can be attributed in great measure to the leadership provided by Frederick S. Upton; his gifts of time and money; his business acumen; his courage to expand in the face of the unknown; his insistence on the best possible service to patients. But most of all, his qualities of character have stamped success on the hospital's past and chartered its promising future. A Christian gentleman of innate decency, fairness and good humor, 'Fred' Upton has by example, welded staff, trustees and doctors into a harmonious team

concentrating all resources on the hospital's primary mission — aid to those who suffer. For his great accomplishments on behalf of the Hospital, and for the personal pleasure it has given us to work with him, the Trustees of Memorial Hospital do present him this plaque. And upon this, the date of his retirement as an Active Trustee, we do elect him Trustee Emeritus and pledge to him our continuing efforts to conduct hospital affairs in accordance with the humane and efficient standards he has established. September 15, 1970." Upton also is retired senior vice-president of Whirlpool Corporation. (Staff photo)

Hennes Moving From BH To Bigger SJ Building

The Hennes Co. — oldest Twin City clothing firm in the same family — will move from Benton Harbor to expanded quarters in St. Joseph next spring.

Remodeling started yesterday at the new Hennes

location, Ship and court streets. The site is the former A. B. Morse Co. building of 12,144 square feet now owned by Twin City Realty Co.

John Robinson, secretary-treasurer of the realty company, said about 9,000 square

feet is being leased to the Hennes Co. and the remainder will be leased for professional offices.

Richard Hennes, president of the clothing firm, said May 1 is target date for opening of the new store. There will be about 6,000 square feet of selling space — more than double the present store at 136 Pipestone street in Benton Harbor.

The Hennes store will face Ship street with a 40-car parking lot in front and a 30-car lot in back. Interior will be a colonial motif.

Hennes said architects for the store are George Cohan and Associates of Ferndale, the same firm which designed the present Hennes store 11 years ago.

Twin City Realty last July announced purchase of the former A. B. Morse building

from St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

The Hennes name has been on Benton Harbor clothing stores since before the turn of the century. Meyer Hennes was the founding father in the early 1890s.

Shortly after World War I, his sons, Oscar and E. Lewis, opened a Hennes store at Territorial road and Fifth street. In 1925 Hennes clothiers went to 135 Pipestone street with E. Lewis leaving the business. Thirty-seven years later the Hennes Co. moved across the street to 136 Pipestone. Oscar Hennes, Richard's father, died in July, 1971.

The Hennes Co. stocks men's and women's wear and will continue the same lines in St. Joseph, according to Richard Hennes.



STARTING ON NEW HENNES STORE: Richard Hennes, president of The Hennes Co., wields sledgehammer instead of shovel to symbolize start of remodeling of the former A. B. Morse building into the new Hennes store location, at Ship and Court streets in St. Joseph. From left are Hennes; John Robinson,

secretary-treasurer; and Lee Hornack, vice president; of Twin City Realty, owners of the building; Mrs. Richard (Laya) Hennes and Bob Shire, manager of the men's clothing department. Target date for moving from present location at 136 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, to St. Joseph, is May 1, 1973. (Staff Photo)

SJ Methodist Minister Taking Hastings Church

The Rev. Sidney A. Short, who served as pastor of First United Methodist church, St.

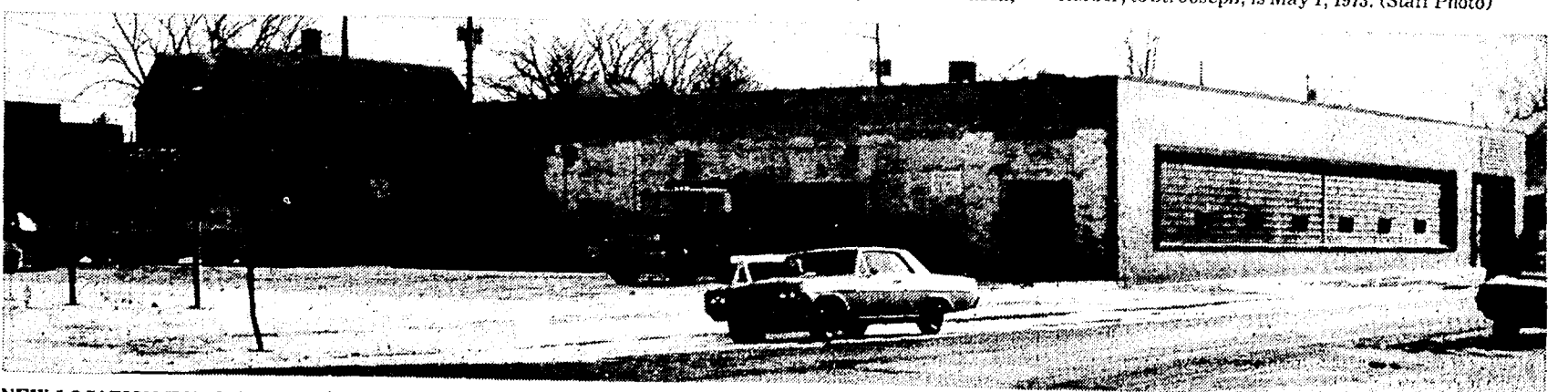
Joseph, since 1968, will become pastor of the First United Methodist church at Hastings effective Jan. 16.

Replacing the Rev. Short will be the Rev. Dale D. Brown of Grandville who will come to St. Joseph Feb. 1.

In Hastings, the Rev. Short will replace another former twin city minister, Dr. Stanley M. Buck, who with his wife, Bernice, will leave Jan. 15 for New Zealand, where Dr. Buck will become pastor of the United Methodist church of Waimate on the south island.

The appointments of the Rev. Short and the Rev. Brown were made by Dwight Loder, bishop of Michigan.

A farewell tea for the Short family will be held Sunday, Jan. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. by the church's Women's Society of Christian Service with Mrs.



NEW LOCATION FOR HENNES: The Hennes Co., a Benton Harbor clothing name since before the turn of

the century, plans to move next spring into this building at Ship and Court streets, St. Joseph. Front entrance

will be off Ship street. Building will be completely remodeled. (Staff photo)



REV. SIDNEY SHORT

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How Milliken Tax Plan Hits Mr. Average

Governor Explains Savings Under Proposal

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — If your income is \$10,000 annually and you live in a \$20,000 house, Gov. William G. Milliken says his tax program would save you \$95 a year.

The governor proposed two things—provide a property tax relief and raise the personal income tax exemption by \$500 to \$1,700.

Other examples: If your income is \$15,000 annually and you live in a \$30,000 house, the proposals would save you \$113 a year in taxes.

If you earn \$20,000 annually and own a \$20,000 home, Milliken's proposals would save you \$130 each year in taxes.

A family of four with a \$10,000 annual income pays \$203 in state income taxes now, would pay \$125 under Milliken's program.

The family of four earning \$15,000 annually and paying \$398 in income taxes would pay \$320 under the proposals; the family of four on \$20,000 in annual earnings and paying \$593 now, would pay \$515 under the proposals.

Property tax relief provisions are in two parts. Under the first, homeowners and renters get a 60 per cent reduction in the amount of

property taxes exceeding four per cent of their income. Renters can claim 17 per cent of their income in computing property tax reductions.

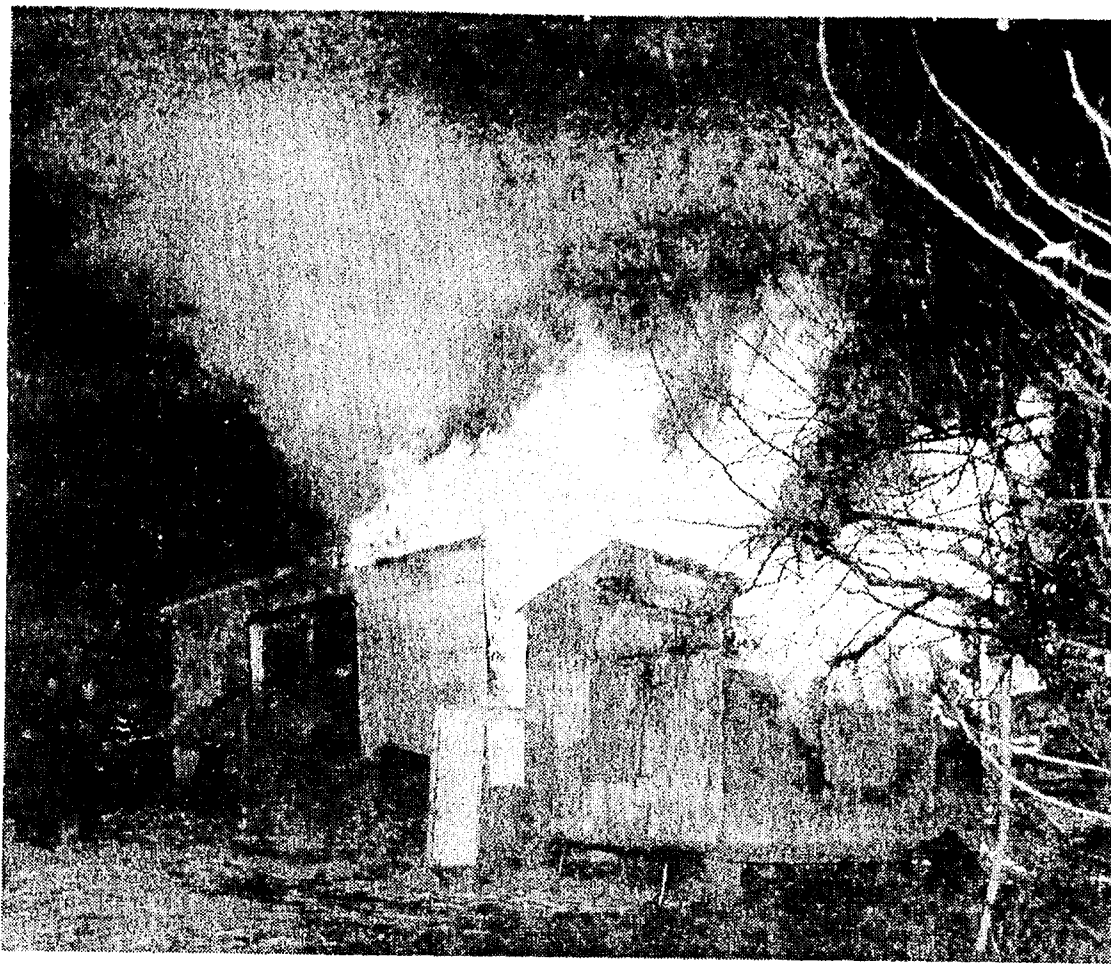
For example, say a homeowner's income is \$10,000 and he pays \$500 in property taxes currently living in a \$20,000 house. That's \$100 in property taxes that are above four per cent of his income. The reduction, then, is 60 per cent of \$100, or \$60.

The second part of the property tax relief program applies to senior citizens (over age 65), the blind and eligible veterans at selected income levels.

Under it, these persons would get a 100 per cent reduction in the amount of property taxes exceeding 3.5 per cent of their income.

For example, say a senior citizen's income is \$2,000 and he pays \$250 in property taxes currently living in a \$10,000 home. That's \$180 worth of property taxes that is above 3.5 per cent of his income and under Milliken's proposals, the property owner's taxes would be reduced by that amount, down to \$70.

Milliken calls this type of program the "excess burden" property tax relief approach.



FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE: Firemen from Casco and Ganges townships in Allegan county, north of South Haven, fight fire which destroyed a garage at the Ewald Males residence on Blue Star Memorial highway, north of 109th avenue last night. Overheated warming stove was blamed for fire which destroyed building, a family car and tools. No estimate of damage was made by owner. (Tom Renner photo)

Guidelines For Saving Schools Told

Tosses Financial Problem To Legislators

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William G. Milliken presented guidelines to the Michigan Legislature today on how it can solve the state's troubled educational picture. But he stopped short of making specific recommendations.

The Republican governor, however, said the challenge is for a "legislative solution." This conflicts with a call by House Speaker William A. Ryan, a Democrat, for a state-wide vote in mid-May on a new constitutional amendment to change the method of financing schools.

"Our challenge now is to develop and achieve a legislative solution which recognizes the public will but still provides more equal educational opportunity for Michigan children, whether they live in rural areas or the central cities," Milliken said in his State of the State address.

Milliken's guidelines included:

One: Financial equity must be phased in to avoid inflationary costs.

Two: School districts must demonstrate that they are spending public money effectively.

Three: Equity must be achieved not by robbing financially strong school systems, but by aiding financially poor school systems.

The Michigan Legislature has been put on notice by the State Supreme Court to find a way of better balancing finances in its school aid formula or face having next year's school programs declared unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court challenged the state's system of

property tax supplements by state subsidies, saying it caused inequality between rich and poor districts.

The governor, did not mention the financially distressed Detroit schools by name, but included them by reference when he said, "We must help the many school districts across Michigan which now have serious deficits to help themselves."

"This cannot mean that the state will simply bail out systems in trouble," he said. "It does mean that we, as a state, must carry out our constitutional mandate to ensure equal educational opportunity."

"To this end, I will offer specific recommendations in the budget message and in a special message on education," he said.

Because of the need for an additional \$80 million, the Detroit schools are on the verge of closing early this spring unless remedies can be found.

Legislative leaders have pledged to seek a solution, with separate avenues being explored of state grants, loans, beefed-up aid, or possibly giving Detroit the power to impose a new tax. Efforts failed repeatedly last year to get Detroit to approve a five-mill property hike.

Milliken shied away in his address from a constitutional amendment approach on re-vamping the state's present way of financing schools.

Milliken was rebuffed by voters in November when they defeated Proposal C, a state-wide referendum that called for abandoning the property tax as an important means of financing schools.

However, Speaker Ryan has called for another vote this spring on a constitutional amendment. Under his proposal, the basic property tax on schools would be 10 mills in a district, compared to the present statewide average of 26.

He would call for increases in the income tax and the value added taxes for businesses to make up for the lost revenue. Under Ryan's proposals, the increases would not be as great as they would have to have been if Proposal C had been approved last November.

Referring to the November vote, Milliken said "Our major failure in 1972 was in the highest priority of my administration—educational reform and property tax relief."

A big question of speculation until Milliken's message to the Legislature or outlines his budget is on how he thinks the Legislature can change the present system and conform with the Supreme Court's mandate.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jan. 11 State Police Count
This Year 35
Last year 58

Van Buren Gets \$69,042 Grant For Police Radio

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren Sheriff Richard Stump has announced that the county and 10 townships and communities have been approved for a \$69,042 federal grant for modernizing law enforcement communications.

The federal grant, along with state and local funds combined, will provide up to \$92,056 for more modern communications equipment and a central police dispatch system from the sheriff's department.

Stump said Wednesday that barring any unforeseen delays the new system should be in operation by the end of June.

Of the communities with established police forces, only Decatur declined to enter into the application, Stump said.

The funds mean clear, uninterrupted communications between the sheriff's department and community police officers and from car-to-car from one end of the county to the other, Stump explained.

Presently, frequencies used by the sheriff's department are crowded with transmissions from area and other county departments.

The federal grant also means that smaller communities will have a radio dispatcher to summon police and ambulance assistance 24 hours daily.

Besides radio equipment, the federal grant will also provide for a "repeater" tower located centrally in the county.

The repeater station will pick

up signals at one end of the county, amplify them, and send them out to a receiver at the other end of the county.

The grant will also provide the sheriff's department with a tape recorder that will record radio and telephone calls and free the radio man from the time-consuming job of typing a log of calls.

Stump emphasized that his department will provide the radio dispatch service and that local police officials will still be doing their own work.

The sheriff, who formalized the application for the federal

grant, said that specifications will now be sent to the state for approval.

Once approved, the specifications will then be sent to three different electronics vendors and that the low bid on the various equipment will be accepted.

Here is a list of municipalities involved in the grant and county-wide system, and their local contributions to the total sum. The total of county and local contributions do not reflect state funds in the amount of \$7,180.

Van Buren county, \$12,502; City of South Haven, \$2,386;

Gables, \$801; Bangor, \$1,362; Paw Paw, \$1,226; Hartford, \$1,501; Lawrence, \$815; Lawton, \$513.50; Mattawan, \$1,081.50; and Columbia and Covert townships, \$824.50.

Local shares were based on paying 25 per cent of the total cost of the equipment the local community felt it needed.

The state funds, when distributed, will slightly reduce local costs.

Hartford Taxi Driver Succumbs To Crash Injuries

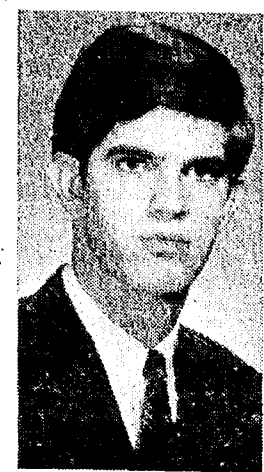
HARTFORD — Mrs. A. J. (Stella) Bowen, 48, died about 8:40 p.m. yesterday at Watervliet Community hospital from injuries suffered in a car-

Hartford Police Chief Harold Frye said Mrs. Bowen was injured about 7 p.m. Sunday when the taxi cab she was driving crossed in front of a Chesapeake and Ohio freight train on the South street crossing.

He said the auto apparently failed to stop for a stop sign at the crossing, and was rammed broadside by the train.

The accident occurred about a block from the Bowen residence at 312 West South street, the chief said.

Mrs. Bowen and her husband operated Al's Cab, a taxi firm



JAMES D. SPANIOLLO
Appointed by Governor

in Hartford. Mrs. Bowen was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

Chief Frye said the train engineer, Thomas Breenen of Grand Rapids, reported he blew the train's whistle and applied emergency brakes before the impact.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Calvin funeral home in Hartford.



train accident here Sunday night, according to authorities. Her death was the first traffic fatality recorded in Van Buren county this year.

Robbery Reported

SOUTH HAVEN — City police said they are investigating a report that a lone gunman held up the Sherman Flavor ice cream parlor at 407 Phoenix street last night and escaped with \$50.

Police said they were told that the gunman, in his early 20s, entered the store and ordered ice cream, but left to get some money. They said a female employee, alone in the building at the time, told them he returned, brandishing a revolver.

According to police, the gunman fled on foot after the Van Buren sheriff's department and the state police post in South Haven searched the area, but found no one.

BY STEVE McQUOWN
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St. Joseph Man Buys Bridgman Ford Dealership

BRIDGMAN — A change in ownership of the Ford auto dealership in Bridgman has



DAVID BAUSHKE
New Ford Dealer

been announced. David Baushke of St. Joseph has taken over operation of the former Del's Ford Sales here, under the new name of Dave Baushke Ford. The change was effective Jan. 2.

Baushke, 38, has been associated with Ashley Ford Sales in Benton Harbor for 16 years, most recently as general manager. Associated with Baushke in the agency here is Allan Jantz, who has worked in various advertising and sales capacities in the Twin Cities area.

Del Brostoff, former owner of Del's Ford Sales, indicated he plans an extended vacation, after running the agency successfully for the past 15 years.

Gun 'Unloaded'; Niles Teenager Shot In Head

NILES — Police said a Niles girl was shot in the forehead here yesterday afternoon when an "unloaded" revolver being handled by a youth accidentally discharged.

The girl, Martha Kirtball, 13, of 1644 Maple street, was reported in fair condition in Borgess hospital, Kalamazoo, this morning.

City police said the girl was shot with a .32 caliber bullet at 1010 North Eighth street where she was visiting friends.

According to officers Prentice Lemons, 15, told them he thought the revolver was unloaded and was raising it toward the ceiling when it fired.

Miss Kirtball was watching television when hit, police said. According to officers, they were told Lemons had gone into a bedroom a short time before to get the weapon.

Police said two other teenage children were in the house, belonging to Lemon's grandmother, Mrs. Joyce Lewis, when the shooting occurred.

The girl was rushed to Niles Pawating hospital, and transferred to Borgess by the trauma unit from Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo.

Police said the accident occurred about 2:10 p.m. Classes in Niles schools were not in session yesterday.

Broken-Family Business Up

Van Buren Dads Pay More

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